

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Amendments to the Claims are made such that additions are underlined (____), while deletions are in the strikethrough format, and bracketed ([]) where strikethrough format would not adequately show the deletion.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. The current status of claims 1-39 is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap comprising:
 - a. a formed or molded article which fits over a surface of an existing tile surface, the article including a first surface and a second surface, oppositely disposed from each other, the first surface and the second surface, and including at least one edge defined by the convergence of the second surface toward the first surface, the at least one edge configured for conforming with a corresponding edge of the existing tile; and
 - b. an adhesive in communication with the second surface of ~~selected to adhere to~~ the ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap.
2. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the formed or molded article is selected from the group consisting of a plastic article and a resin article.
- 3-4. (Cancelled).
- 5.[.] (Currently Amended) The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the surface of the existing tile ~~surface~~ is selected from the group consisting of ceramic, wood, plastic, vinyl, and stone.
6. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 5 wherein the existing tile is ceramic.
7. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 5 wherein the existing tile is wood.

8. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 5 wherein the existing tile is plastic.

9. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 5 wherein the existing tile is vinyl.

10. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 5 wherein the existing tile is stone.

11. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the adhesive is selected from the group consisting of ~~foam~~ double-sided foam tape, construction adhesives, hot-melt adhesives, heat release adhesives, and epoxy compounds.

12. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 11 wherein the said adhesive is a ~~foam~~ double-sided foam tape.

13. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 11 wherein the said adhesive is a construction adhesive.

14. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 11 wherein the said adhesive is a hot-melt adhesive.

15. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 11 wherein the said adhesive is an epoxy compound.

16. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the said ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap is a decorative ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap.

17. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the said ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap is a germicidal ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap.

18. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the said ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap is a bacteriostatic ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap.

19. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the said Tile-Cap tile cap is applied to a surface without grout.

20. (Currently Amended). The ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the said Tile-Cap tile cap has a trimable knife edge.

21. (Currently Amended). A method of using capping ceramic tile comprising:
providing a Tile-Cap tile cap comprising:

- a. a formed or molded article which fits over a surface of an existing tile surface, the article including a first surface and a second surface, oppositely disposed from each other, the first surface and the second surface, and including at least one edge defined by the convergence of the second surface toward the first surface, the at least one edge configured for conforming with a corresponding edge of the existing tile; and
- b. an adhesive in communication with the second surface of the tile cap; and
wherein said Tile-Cap is positioned positioning the tile cap over an existing ceramic tile.

22. (Currently Amended). The method of Claim 21 wherein the said Tile-Cap tile cap is selected from the group consisting of a plastic or resin article.

23. (Currently Amended). The method of Claim 21 wherein ~~said Tile-Cap~~ the positioning the tile cap includes affixing the tile cap is affixed to the existing ceramic tile with a foam double sided foam tape.

24. (Currently Amended). A method of capping using a Tile tile, Cap- comprising:
providing a -Cap tile cap comprising:

- a. a formed or molded article which fits over the surface of an existing tile surface, the article including a first surface and a second surface, oppositely disposed from each other, the first surface and the second surface, and including at least one edge defined by the convergence of the second surface toward the first surface, the at least one edge configured for conforming with a corresponding edge of the existing tile; and

- b. an adhesive in communication with the second surface of selected to adhere to the Tile-Cap tile cap; and

~~wherein said Tile-Cap is positioned~~ positioning the tile cap over an existing tile surface.

25. (Currently Amended). The method of Claim 24 wherein ~~said Tile-Cap tile cap~~ is selected from the group consisting of a plastic or a resin article.

26. (Currently Amended). The method of Claim 24 wherein ~~said Tile-Cap is affixed~~ the positioning the tile cap includes affixing the tile cap to the existing tile surface with a foam double-sided foam tape.

27. (Currently Amended). A method of ~~using a Tile-Cap wherein said Tile-Cap is capping tile with~~ a germicidal ~~Tile-Cap tile cap~~, comprising:

providing a germicidal tile cap comprising:

- a. a formed or molded article which fits over the surface of an existing tile, the article including a first surface and a second surface, oppositely disposed from each other, the first surface and the second surface, and including at least one edge defined by the convergence of the second surface toward the first surface, the at least one edge configured for conforming with a corresponding edge of the existing tile; and
- b. an adhesive in communication with the second surface of the tile cap; and positioning the germicidal tile cap over an existing tile to provide ~~provides a resulting~~ germicidal surface.

28. (Currently Amended). The method of Claim 27 wherein ~~said Tile-Cap the existing tile includes ceramic tile and the positioning the germicidal tile cap includes affixing the germicidal tile cap is affixed to an~~ the existing ceramic tile with a foam double-sided foam tape.

29. (Currently Amended). The method of Claim 27 wherein ~~said Tile-Cap the positioning the existing tile cap includes affixing the germicidal tile cap is affixed to an~~ the existing flat tile surface with a ~~foam~~ double-sided foam tape.

30. (Currently Amended). A method of using a ~~Tile-Cap wherein said Tile-Cap is a bacteriostatic Tile-Cap~~ tile cap comprising:

providing a bacteriostatic tile cap comprising:

- a. a formed or molded article which fits over the surface of an existing tile, the article including a first surface and a second surface, oppositely disposed from each other, the first surface and the second surface, and including at least one edge defined by the convergence of the second surface toward the first surface, the at least one edge configured for conforming with a corresponding edge of the existing tile; and
- b. an adhesive in communication with the second surface of the tile cap; and positioning the bacteriostatic tile cap over an existing tile to provide ~~provides~~ a resulting bacteriostatic surface.

31. (Currently Amended). The method of Claim 30 wherein ~~said Tile-Cap is affixed~~ the positioning the bacteriostatic tile cap includes affixing the bacteriostatic tile cap to an existing ceramic tile with a ~~foam~~ double-sided foam tape.

32. (Currently Amended). The method of Claim 30 wherein ~~said Tile-Cap is affixed~~ the positioning the bacteriostatic tile cap includes affixing the bacteriostatic tile cap to an existing ~~flat-surface tile~~ tile with a ~~foam~~ double-sided foam tape.

33. (Currently Amended). ~~The~~ A method of Claim 24 ~~using a Tile-Cap~~ wherein said ~~Tile-Cap~~ the tile cap is a decorative ~~Tile-Cap~~ tile cap.

34. (New). A tile cap comprising:

- a. a formed article which fits over a surface of an existing tile, the formed article including a trimmable knife edge; and
- b. an adhesive in communication with article to adhere the tile cap to the surface of the existing tile.

35. (New). A tile cap comprising:

- a. a molded article which fits over a surface of an existing tile, the molded article including a trimmable knife edge; and
- b. an adhesive in communication with article to adhere the tile cap to the surface of the existing tile.

36. (New). A method capping a ceramic tile comprising:
providing a tile cap selected from the group consisting of a plastic or resin article; and,
positioning the tile cap over an existing ceramic tile.

37. (New). The method of claim 36, additionally comprising: adhering the tile cap to the existing ceramic tile, such that the tile cap is positioned over the existing ceramic tile.

38. (New). A method capping a tile comprising:
providing a tile cap selected from the group consisting of a plastic or resin article; and,
positioning the tile cap over the surface of an existing tile.

39. (New). The method of claim 38, additionally comprising: adhering the tile cap to the existing tile over the surface of the existing tile.